



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: February 20th, 2024

Re: Council Bill 23-0471 Sale of Property – Sale of Property – 3000 Highman Avenue

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0471 for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 3000 Highman Avenue (Block 7703D, Lot 009A) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If approved by the City Council, this ordinance would authorize the public or private sale of the City owned lot at 3000 Highman Avenue (Block 7703D, Lot 009A). The property is estimated at 0.061 acres. If approved, this ordinance would become effective the day it is enacted.

DHCD Analysis

The Department of Real Estate received a request from a homeowner adjacent to the property asking the City to authorize the sale of 3000 Highman Avenue. That homeowner has maintained this vacant lot for over 25 years, using it as an extended yard, garden, and access point to the rear of their property. They have no future development plans for the property and would like to continue maintaining it as yard and garden space.

The property does not lie within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas or Community Development Zones but is located within a Streamlined Code Enforcement Area. Given the lot's long history of being maintained by the individual attempting to purchase it and the lack of objection from all four adjacent affected owners on Highman Avenue, DHCD supports the disposition of the property, as the site is no longer needed for public use.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 23-0471.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Brandon M. Scott, Mayor • Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner